

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-16, 26-28, and 31-36 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 5-16, 26-28, and 31-36 have been rejected.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-16, 26-28 and 31-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 7,216,133 issued to Wu et al. ("Wu") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0055523 issued to Suishu et al. ("Suishu"). While not conceding that the cited references qualify as prior art, but instead to expedite prosecution, Applicants have chosen to respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection as follows. Applicants reserve the right, for example, in a continuing application, to establish that the cited references, or other references cited now or hereafter, do not qualify as prior art as to an invention embodiment previously, currently, or subsequently claimed.

File with this response is a Declaration Of Prior Invention In the United States Pursuant To 37 CFR § 1.131. Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of rejected independent Claims 1, 15, 26, and 28 was invented by Applicants prior to the effective date of Suishu, and that the Applicants were diligent in constructively reducing the invention to practice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Suishu is not prior art with respect to independent Claims 1, 15, 26, and 28, and that these claims are therefore allowable. Claims 2, 5-14, 16, 27, and 31-36 depend from Claims 1, 15, 26, and 28, respectively, and are allowable for at least this reason. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 9-10 and 35-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable by Wu in view of Suishu as applied to Claims 1 and 7 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,088,697 issued to Crockett et al. ("Crockett"). While not conceding that the cited references qualify as prior art, but instead to expedite prosecution, Applicants have chosen to respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection as follows. Applicants reserve the right, for example, in a continuing application, to establish that the cited references, or other references cited now or hereafter, do not qualify as prior art as to an invention embodiment previously, currently, or subsequently claimed.

Crockett is not cited as disclosing, teaching, or suggesting any of the limitations of independent Claims 1 and 28. As addressed above, Suishu is not prior art with respect of independent Claims 1 and 28. Thus, Claims 9-10 and 35-36 are allowable at least due to their dependency on allowable independent Claims 1 and 28. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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